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SUBJ: ISRAELI CABINET COMMUNIQUE

1. AT THE END OF A 4 1/2 HOUR CABINET MEETING ON MAY 21 THE  
FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED: "THE CABINET AUTHORIZED THE  
DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO BE IN CONTACT WITH  
UN REPS IN ORDER TO ENSURE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT THE TERRORISTS  
DO NOT RETURN TO SOUTHERN LEBANON, THERE ARE NO ATTACKS ON  
ISRAEL AND ITS CITIZENS, AND THAT NO HARM COMES  
TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. THIS FORMS THE BASIS OF THE INTENTION TO  
REMOVE IDF TROOPS FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON BY JUNE 13.

- THE PM WAS AUTHORISED TO REPLY TO THE LETTER FROM THE  
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PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF AIRCRAFT TO  
ISRAEL, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

- THE ACTING MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MINISTER SHMUEL TAMIR,  
REPORTED ON YESTERDAY'S ATTACK ON EL AL PASSENGERS IN PARIS.

- THE FONMIN REVIEWED HIS VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA."

2. CABINET SECRETARY ALSO READ THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESS:

"THE CABINET HELD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE IMPLICATION OF THE PACKAGE SUPPLY OF US MODERN SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO COUNTRIES IN A STATE OF WAR WITH ISRAEL. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION THE CABINET MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE UNDERMINING OF THE MIDDLE EAST ARMS BALANCE, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ISRAEL HAD RECEIVED AN UNCONDITIONAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF F-16 AIRCRAFT. THE MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT US MILITARY SUPPLIES TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA WILL LEAD TO A FURTHER HARDENING OF THE ARAB POLITICAL POSITION WHICH REMAINS INFLEXIBLE AND UNCOMPROMISING. THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL. THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE STEPS TO COUNTER THIS EMERGING THREAT. THE CABINET ALSO APPROVED THE CONTENTS OF THE PM'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF LAST WEEK."

3. ACCORDING TO ISRAEL RADIO THE CABINET DID NOT DISCUSS AN ISRAELI REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE US REGARDING THE FUTURE OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA FOLLOWING THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF AUTONOMY. A DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WILL BE HELD IN A FUTURE CABINET MEETING. LEWIS

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